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- 25X1 1. Egbert von Frankenberg und Proschlitz*, the head of the East Zone
Democratic Party (NDP) and of the East Zone National Front, returned
recently from a three-week trip to Warsaw where he and a number of
other East Zone politicians had been invited, ostensibly to learn
about reconstruction of the war-damaged city, but actually to par-
ticipate in an intensive ideological training course. The group ac-
tually did spend two days inspecting reconstruction sites in Warsaw,
but the remaining time was spent attending lectures by a specially
assembled group of members of the USSR Foreign Office.
- 25X1 2. The lecturers reiterated time and again that the Russian policy in
Germany was reunification and an early peace treaty and that Russia's
principal policy was the maintenance of world peace. However, in
each instance the speakers underlined that western policies, and es-
pecially those of the U. S., were forcing the USSR to be constantly
prepared for all eventualities. [redacted] the
German, as well as the Russian participants at the conference were
very hopeful that the recent overtures by the East German and Russian
Governments would produce positive results in Bonn as well as among
the Allies. [redacted] the Russian officials [redacted] stating that if the
West should be reluctant to accept any of the recent proposals, their
government was prepared to take additional steps. The first one of
these would be a Russian declaration of willingness to release all war
criminals providing the West would follow suit. The prisoners held
in quadripartite confinement in Spandau would not be affected by the
offer. The Russians [redacted] mentioned the figure 13,700 as presently
retained by the USSR. None of the German participants questioned the
figure; however, when von Frankenberg returned to Germany he was re-
minded that the figure should have been nearer 80,000.
- 25X1 3. Should the West still be reluctant to accept the Russian offer, the
Russian Government would permit the East German Government to remili-
tarize its Zone unilaterally as "a People's Action for the Security
of World Peace". Simultaneously, a political campaign under the
heading "West Germany No Longer Wants East Germany" would begin. [redacted]
[redacted] the latter step would entail a cor-
plate "Sovietization" of the DDR. [redacted]

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